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MISSOURI WING RESUMES FLYING

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS -- In a Jan. 20 letter signed by CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling and CAP-U.S. Air Force Commander Col. George C. Vogt, the Missouri Wing received authorization -- effective immediately -- to resume flying Air Force or corporate-assigned missions.

The letter reads: "To return the wing to active flying status, as safely and quickly as possible, the Missouri Wing will follow CAP Col. [Joe E.] Casler's 'Return to Flying Operation Plan' dated 18 January 2004."

The letter was sent to Casler, who is the Missouri Wing commander. It went on to read: "Missouri Wing CAP has satisfactorily passed the recent Liaison Region Staff Assistance Visit and corrected all safety findings identified by the Inspector General. Missouri Wing is to be commended on their professional response. All of our activities involve risk; however, an effective safety program creates an environment that minimizes the potential for accidents/incidents. Safety is the commander's program and its importance must be stressed in every activity in which we participate. We are confident the Missouri Wing will continue to improve its safety program and carry out its mission in a safe and professional manner."

As outlined in the letter, the North Central Liaison Region will conduct a follow-up visit within 120 days to review the safety program's status. The team will use the same special staff assistance visit checklist and criteria used on their previous visit to the wing. According to Casler, it was "good to be flying again." "My operations staff was already at work last night (Jan. 19) preparing to implement the plans the wing has to return its pilots to current and proficient status as safely and quickly as possible," the colonel said. "Our aircraft maintenance team is going over the wing aircraft to ensure their readiness to return to the air. "I want to thank our wing safety officer, 1st Lt. Sean Brown, for his efforts in the endeavor. I also want to thank all the unit commanders and safety officers for their commitment to rectifying the deficiencies we encountered. The North Central Region Liaison staff also helped immeasurably with their support and recommendations," he said.



Go Team Missouri

COMMANDERS CORNER

By: Col. Joe E. Casler, CAP

If it doesn't kill you, it helps you grow. Or something like that. I've been told or have heard that many times over the past several years. I think that the Missouri Wing just finished experiencing that phenomenon. Our report receipt rate was better this quarter, but not what it should have been. We did get released from the grounding and our pilots are getting recertified. Does that mean we are returning to "ops normal". No it doesn't, especially if it involves letting our documentation slide again. That's why some of the units in the wing were placed on Administrative Suspension, even if it was just for a short period of time while we reviewed the paperwork we had received at wing. We simply cannot afford to ignore doing the paperwork and doing it right the first time. There are many things I'd rather do than sit at a desk or in front of a computer pounding out reports, but reports are a fact of life whether you belong to a church committee, the military, or a volunteer organization such as Civil Air Patrol. The Wing Communications and logistics sections are working to clean up the documentation necessary in supply and communications gear tracking so we can get off the supply freeze we've been on for the last two years. There are many pieces of equipment out in the wing that need to be reported. There are several non-compliant radios that need to be turned in and gotten out of the system. LtCol Venis has requested those radios several times, as had Capt Hohensee his predecessor. The Wing faces many challenges. We need to be able to show the Air Force, CAP National HQ and other agencies that we can do what they ask of us. Maintaining our documentation, operating legally and knowing the whereabouts of our equipment is absolutely essential. Our documentation

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will be reviewed on April 10th by the Liaison Region staff. Since that is immediately after the close of the quarter, we need to have all quarterly reports in ahead of time.

During the time we were grounded several reports surfaced about how things were here in Missouri. The reports were highly critical of the wing and dispensed several erroneous tidbits. While we have had some official complaints filed, there weren't nearly as many as the 78 that were mentioned. They were, or are, all being dealt with in accordance with current CAP regulations. The reason the wing was grounded wasn't due to untrained personnel; it was due to a lack of required documentation. The membership of the Wing actually grew from 850 in October of 2001 to about 1015 last July. Several things happened in August that trimmed our numbers to 877 at the end of January. First of all, the MSI Squadron was transferred to Region; second, ROTC Cadets are no longer required to join CAP to take advantage of the ROTC Familiarization Flight Program; and third, MIMS and the problems associated with entering and keeping data in it have affected membership.

The Wing held its annual Winter Encampment at Whiteman AFB from 26 Dec to 3 Jan. There were 47 attendees, many first timers. Airman Moody kept a watchful eye over everyone in S-6 and we had no injuries. We are planning to have a summer encampment and negotiations are in progress with Ft. Leonard Wood for dates.

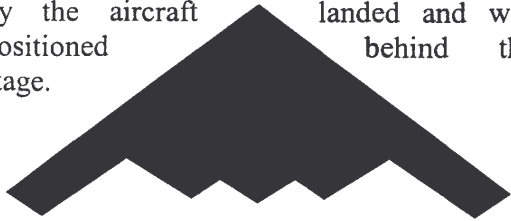
Cadet Programs is also planning a Cadet Competition for Color Guards and full drill teams. We'll be announcing the winners in the following issue of the *Navigator*.

We have had some staff changes at wing. **Capt Erica Williams** is the new Cadet Programs Officer, **Lt. Mike Walsh** is the new PAO, **LtCol Wes Biggs** is returning to be the Recruiting and Retention Officer, **Capt Chris Morris** is the new Current Operations Officer and Operations Training Officer and **Col. Bill Winkert** is the new ES Officer. There are a couple more changes that are being worked and will be announced at a later time.

In closing, I'd like to thank everyone for his or her efforts to get the Wing off its grounded status. For those who opted to stay in CAP despite the problems we've had, thank you. The Wing will be stronger and Team Missouri will flourish.

AIR FORCE CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF B-2

Members of Whiteman, AFB celebrated 10 years of B-2 power on December 17th 2003. Team Whiteman recreated the memorable first flight of the Spirit of Missouri from Palmdale Ca. to Whiteman. After a brief fly-by the aircraft landed and was positioned behind the stage.



Since that first arrival, the 509th Bomb Wing developed operational and maintenance procedures for the aircraft, and employed it three times: in Operations Allied Force in 1999, Enduring Freedom in 2001 and Iraqi Freedom earlier this year.

OIF saw the B-2 forward deploy for combat for the first time, a capability the wing originally looked to demonstrate through an exercise.

"We'd planned an exercise for a similar length of time with a similar sortie rate. Instead, we just happened to do it for real," Land said.

"We're not just celebrating the past 10 years," said Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander. "We're preparing for the next 10. This isn't the end of the B-2's evolution, it's just the beginning."

Raaberg pointed to the recent additions of the Joint Standoff Weapon, enhanced munitions guidance systems and the field testing of 500-pound Joint Direct Attack Munitions as proof the B-2 continues to increase in capability.

PAO Workshop

Missouri Wing's Public Affairs is offering a Public Affairs Officers Workshop. The one day workshop will be held April 24th, 2004 in North Kansas City at North Kansas City Hospital Health Services Pavilion 2790 Clay Edwards Drive North Kansas City, MO 64116.

Public Affairs Officers, Unit Commanders, Senior and Cadet Officers interested in improving Civil Air Patrol's public relations are invited to attend!

- **Requirements for Seniors:** Must have completed Level One and CPPT.
- **Requirements for Cadets:** Cadets wishing to attend the PAO Workshop must be a C/1st. Lt. or above.

Cost for the PAO workshop will be \$27.00 and Lunch will be provided. Deadline for reservation **April 10, 2004.**

The Featured Speaker will be Ms. Paula Schumacher. Her Experience includes fundraising, event planning and grant writing for the past 12 years and education, journalism, marketing and Public Relations for over 25 years. Ms. Schumacher is a Certified Fund Raising Executive, one of only 4,100 in the world and a Certified Program Planner, international certification.

For more information on the PAO workshop please contact Lt. Col. Wes Biggs, Sr. at 816-452-2030 or by e-mail at wesbiggs@hotmail.com.

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NATIONAL BOARD REPORT


The Winter National Board convened in Washington, D.C. 5 -6 March. Several regulations were considered for either complete revision or for changes. CAPR 265-1, *The Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Service*, CAPR 50-20, *Civil Air Patrol Rocketry Program*, CAPM 39-1, *Civil Air Patrol Uniform Manual* were revised entirely. The proposed revised CAPR 60-3, *CAP Emergency Services and Operational Missions* was tabled for a legal review.

CAPR 62-1, *Civil Air Patrol Safety Responsibilities and Procedures* Section B - Accident Prevention, 2.b (1) was changed to read: Summaries of safety material presented will be made available for review by those active personnel not in attendance through a bulletin board display, reading file, web page, mail or email distribution. All active personnel not present at the safety meeting must have been provided a copy of the safety summaries and have read and provided the Safety Officer a confirmation that the summaries have been read. Safety summaries with attached attendance rosters, distribution lists, and/or confirmation covering the past 12 months will be kept on file at the unit.

The revisions to CAPR 50-20, CAPR 265-1 and CAPM 39-1 can be reviewed under e-services. Pilots and aircrews take special note that leather flight jackets are not authorized for wear with any of our Air Force style uniforms. Some new types of flight jackets have been approved though.

The Technology Committee gave a briefing on the Hyper-Spectral Imaging equipment that is coming into the inventory with the Gippsland aircraft. The equipment will give each region amazing new capabilities in the search and rescue and CN arenas. The equipment can use spectral analysis to differentiate between types of plants, between humans and foliage, even tell the difference between a flight jacket and grass.

The Corporate Aircraft Distribution Committee briefed on the possibility of some new US Coast Guard missions. Upon approval of these missions the corporation will press forward on the purchase of some light twin aircraft. These are tentatively identified as the Vulcan air P68 Observer. The aircraft is assembled in Italy using approximately 80% US made parts. More on this when and if it becomes a reality.

Also approved from a previous board was the deletion of the requirement for individuals pursuing the Operations Officer Specialty Track to be certified FAA certified flight instructors. This will be incorporated into the next revision of CAPP 211. 

April/May Calendar

April 3rd- Group 5 dining out and awards (1700-2000 Country Kitchen Restaurant, Bolivar)

Group 5 Commanders Call (1200-1500
St. Alban's in the Qzarks Episcopal Church
Bolivar, MO POC: Lt Col Lee Schmidt
(417) 267-2970

April 10-Wing Staff Meeting
Whiteman AFB

April 11- SEMA and MEPA Conference
Tan Tara

April 12- Wing Commanders Call Ike Skelton

April 18- Wing SAR-Ex
Ike Skelton

April 23-25 Leadership Training.
Camp Fire Westa

April 24- Missouri Wing's Public Affairs
Officers Workshop.

May 15- Wing Staff Meeting Wing HQ

May 20-22 Mo Wing Joint Practice Sarex with
MO NG at Columbia.

TWO SQUADRON EARN EMERGENCY SERVICES QUALIFICATION

Members of Missouri Wing's 144th Pegasus and 119th East Central Composite squadrons met over a period of four weekends for ground team-member training. Fifteen cadets and one senior member worked toward completing the GTM task list and qualifying as ground team members. The training ended with a practice mission on Feb. 22.

Many of the trainees required only an additional sortie and basic first aid to complete their GTM qualification. The first and second weekends were held at Sullivan Regional Airport, which is also the meeting place for the 119th ECCS. The last two weekends were held at the Festus Army National Guard Armory in Festus, Mo. Cadet members of the 119th ECCS who participated were: Airman Stephen McCulloch, Airmen 1st Class Colleen Barclay and Charles Barclay, and Master Sgt. Elliot Whitcraft.

Members of the 144th Pegasus Composite Squadron who participated were: Cadets Tech. Sgts. Patrick McPhail and Amanda Hoekel, Senior Airmen Jordan Birkett, Airman 1st Class Amber Mazdra and Jordan Peery, and Airmen Bethany Mazdra, Jaime Mazdra, Zachary Wycoff, Robyn Wycoff and Jaclyn McPhail.

Other members who supported the activity behind the scenes were: 1st Lts. David Barclay, William Donahoe, 2nd Lt. Tammy Mazdra, Capt. Tom Wann, Sr. Mbr. Cheryl Wycoff, Maj. Tracy Birkett, and cadets 2nd Lt. Aaron Birkett, Capt. Kara Wann and Lt. Col. David Brown.

There were also two cadets in attendance for requalification training -- Tech. Sgt. Lesley Smith and Chief Master CMSgt Cody Bishop.

Missouri Wing staff members who supported the event included Col. Bill Winkert, Randy Fuller and Mary Fuller. ☐

KIRKSVILLE CADET APPOINTED TO WEST POINT

Maj. Linda Brown

Commander

North Missouri Composite Squadron

Cadet Staff Sgt. Greg Walker, cadet commander of the North Missouri Composite Squadron in Kirksville, Mo., received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in New York. Cadet Walker, 17, the son of Paul and Susan Walker, is a senior at Kirksville High School and has been active in the local squadron for five years. He joined Civil Air Patrol because he planned to enter the military and knew CAP had solid leadership training. On Nov. 16, 2002, Cadet Walker enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves and spent the 2002 summer at basic training camp in Jackson, S.C.

According to the cadet, CAP gave him his first impression of military bearing and it allowed him to adapt to military life easier. "The drill exercises, along with military customs and courtesies, were extremely beneficial during basic training," he said. Cadet Walker was nominated to West Point by Missouri Representative Kenny Hulshoff, Missouri Senator Jim Talent and the U.S. Army Reserve.

The cadet will travel to the academy on April 10 for cadet orientation classes, and following graduation from high school, and is scheduled to arrive at the school as a private in the Army Reserve on June 28 for basic training.

Cadet Walker intends to major in mechanical engineering, with a minor in military doctrine of tactical strategy. Upon completion of the four-year program, he will serve in the U.S. Army for five years. This appointment makes a total of three squadron cadets who have attended to West Point. William Mangini, who was appointed prior to Walker, graduated in May 2003. Four other cadets have attended the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.